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Group Art Unit: 1615

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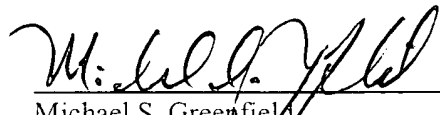
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to the Final Office Action Mailed November 17, 2000; and
 - b) return receipt postcard.
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the Office
Action November 17, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please add the following on the last page after the claims:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

a' The present invention comprises of powder of reversed vesicles comprised of non-ionic surfactant. Upon dispersion in an apolar solvent, such as a biodegradable oil, the reversed vesicles maintain their vesicular structure with a yield greater than obtained if the vesicles were prepared in the biodegradable oil. The invention further comprises a method of making the powdered vesicles.

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